

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 15. (Canceled):

16. (New): A component placement device comprising:

a holder that includes a passage; and

a nozzle that includes a duct and that is detachably connected to the holder, wherein the passage is in fluid communication with the duct.

17. (New): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the nozzle is configured to be decoupled from the holder in a radial direction relative to an axis of the duct once a predefined force in radial direction on the nozzle is exceeded.

18. (New): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the nozzle is detachably attached to the holder by means of at least one magnet.

19. (New): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the holder and the nozzle are axially aligned with each other.

20. (New): The device as claimed in claim 19, wherein the holder and the nozzle have axially engaging elements.

21. (New): The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the holder has a protrusion that extends into the duct of the nozzle, and wherein the passage extends through the protrusion.

22. (New): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the holder comprises at least three radially separated grooves.

23. (New): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the nozzle comprises at least three radially separated grooves.

24. (New): The device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the holder comprises at least three radially separated grooves that correspond to the grooves of the nozzle.

25. (New): The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein spheres are located between the grooves of the nozzle and the corresponding grooves of the holder.

26. (New): The device as claimed in claim 22, wherein three grooves are radially spaced 120° apart.

27. (New): The device as claimed in claim 23, wherein three grooves are radially spaced 120° apart.

28. (New): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the duct and/or the passage have/has a filter.

29. (New): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the nozzle includes an identification means.

30. (New): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the nozzle has a groove that is provided in a circumferential wall thereof.

31. (New): A nozzle exchange device comprising:
a nozzle;
a holder; and
at least one nozzle exchange element in which the nozzle is configured to be detachably attached to the holder.

32. (New): A method for the exchange of nozzles comprising the steps of:
transporting a device comprising a holder and a first detachable nozzle to a nozzle exchange device;
separating, in the nozzle exchange device, the first nozzle from the holder; and
coupling the holder to a second nozzle.

33. (New): The method as claimed in claim 32, further comprising the steps of:
moving the device axially in a large opening in the nozzle exchange device;
transporting the nozzle, by means of a move transverse to the axial movement, to a
small opening that is connected to the large opening;
clamping the nozzle in the small opening;
separating the nozzle from the holder by means of an axial displacement; and
moving the holder to another nozzle.

34. (New): The method as claimed in claim 32, further comprising the step of:
scanning an identification means located on the nozzle by means of a camera or a
laser; and
recognizing the nozzle on account of the identification means.